

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-11 and 15 are pending and under consideration.

The rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is respectfully traversed. Claim 15 recites that the head receiving portion does not comprise the shape tape. The Examiner relies upon page 9, lines 6-10 of the present specification. However, this portion refers to the bias tape 214, which is clearly distinguishable from the shape tape 218, described at page 11, lines 1-6 of the specification.

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 are respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 recites a shape tape attached to the head receiving portion along a lower edge of the head receiving portion. The Examiner relies upon element 17 of Higgs as corresponding to the claimed shape tape. However, reference numeral 17 does not refer to an actual element, but a location. Specifically, the toweling fabric 12 is sewn so as to extend around the lower edge of the elastic band 13 "at 17." Higgs, col. 5, ln. 65 to col. 6, ln. 2. Thus, reference numeral 17 refers to the place of sewing, not a physical feature.

The remaining references do not overcome these deficiencies.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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